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Confidence

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Philippians 1:1-11

How Could Paul Pray With Joy From A Roman Prison Cell?

- 1. Focus On The _____ Forget The _____ v. 3-5

- 2. Practice _____ v. 9-11

- 2. Be _____ With Their _____ v. 6

What Is The Source Of My Confidence?

Human Confidence Is Based On. . .

- Living Up To My _____

- _____ & _____

- A Good _____

Biblical Confidence Is Based On. . .

- _____ - Trust In God’s _____

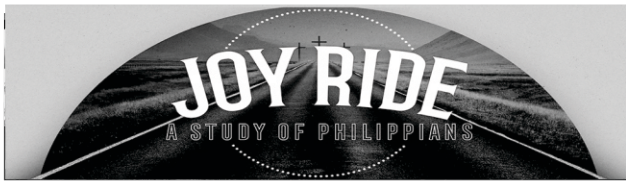
- _____ - Evidence Of God’s _____

Memory Verse
“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”
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MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord for the first time today
- Memorize Philippians 1:6
- Read through Philippians (it’s only 4 chapters) this week.
- Commit to (as much as possible) attend each weekend of the “Joy Ride” series





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- 1. Focus On The **Best** Forget The **Rest** v. 3-5
- 2. Practice **Positive Praying** v. 9-11
- 2. Be **Patient** With Their **Progress** v. 6

What Is The Source Of My Confidence?

Human Confidence Is Based On . . .

- Ⓣ Living Up To My **Moral Standards**
- Ⓣ **Sincerity & Zeal**
- Ⓣ A Good **Start**

Biblical Confidence Is Based On . . .

- Ⓣ **Faith** - Trust In God’s **Power**
- Ⓣ **Fruit** - Evidence Of God’s **Presence**

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